



MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

JANUARY 3, 2007

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on January 3, 2007, at the Lee County Government Center.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Roger King
- John Altenburger
- Larry Kelly
- Royce Gaines
- Derrick Clouston

The following members were absent:

- David Smitherman, Ex officio member
- Bob Brown, Commissioner

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Derrick informed the Board that Commissioner Representative Bob Brown will no longer be serving on the Fire Advisory Board, as he has now assumes the position of Chairman on the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Andrews stated that Commissioner Brown's replacement will be announced on Monday when new appointments are named.

Chairman Donald Andrews entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented; motion made by John Altenburger and seconded by Royce Gaines. Motion carried unanimously.

Derrick proceeded to pass out a copy of the budget package that will be presented to each Fire Department at the January 10th Budget Workshop. In regards to the package, Royce relayed that he has received some complaints concerning the breakdown of PPE. John Altenburger added that he thought the budget package should be presented in such a way that would avoid the appearance of "dictating". Members agreed that the form is a "living document" and is subject to change.

Chairman Andrews stated that a hard copy and a CD of the budget forms will be available at the Budget Workshop next week as well as a PowerPoint presentation going through every single line item on the form. Larry Kelly volunteered to serve as "timekeeper" during the workshop in an effort to limit questions that can't be readily resolved. March 21st has been designated as the deadline for the FY '07 - '08 budget request submission.

Derrick will email Fire Advisory Board members considerations for approving paid personnel for FY '07 - '08.

Larry Kelly made a motion to request a meeting with the Commissioner's in an effort for the Fire Advisory Board to gain some guidance and direction from them on these particular items of interest: Budget items, paid county employees, and substations. Royce seconded the motion. However, after making the motion, there was some discussion among members and it was decided at this time to rescind the motion until Chairman Andrews has had a chance to speak with County Manager, David Smitherman. Chairman Andrews is to let members know by email the outcome of his and David's discussion pertaining to the joint meeting.

Therefore, being no further business to come before the Fire Advisory board, Chairman Andrews entertained a motion to adjourn; motion made by Larry Kelly and was seconded by John Altenburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy Veroni, Secretary